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SUBJECT: INFCE: STATEMENT TO INFCE TCC BY INDIAN DELEGATE REGARDING US AND UK PAPERS ON PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE ASSESSMENT FACTORS AND ASSESSMENT OF PROLIFERATION RISK

1. DURING TCC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 4(A), "TECHNICAL COORDINATION PROBLEMS," THE US AND UK MADE COPIES OF THE SUBJECT PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION BY IAEA TO TCC PARTICIPANTS. THE NEXT DAY THE TCC DELEGATE FROM INDIA MADE A STATEMENT ON THE US AND UK PAPERS AND THAT STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS BY THE AGENCY. COMPLETE TEXT OF PAPER FOLLOWS:

"WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS - BOTH VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL. ALSO, WE CONSIDER THAT ONE
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HAS TO DEAL WITH BOTH TYPES IN THE SAME MANNER, NOT ONLY TO AVOID DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT BUT ALSO TO CHECK THE REAL DANGER AS WELL AS THE LIKELY DANGER.

HAVING MADE THIS POSITION CLEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON THE PAPER CIRCULATED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE YESTERDAY GIVING A BRIEF OUTLINE OF

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CERTAIN FACTORS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE: A PRELIMINARY STUDY HAS GIVEN US THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME OF THE FACTORS SEEM TO CUT AT THE VERY ROOTS OF THE OBJECTIVES WHICH WE SET FOR OURSELVES IN THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. THEY SEEM TO JEOPARDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IN OUR OPINION, CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMMES. FOR SOME IT MAY BE ENRICHMENT, FOR SOME IT MAY BE REPROCESSING AND FOR SOME IT MAY BE BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES. THESE CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS LEADING TO PROLIFERATION ACTIVITIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE ARE UNABLE TO APPRECIATE SOME OF THE FACTORS OUTLINED IN THE UNITED STATES PAPER.

WE HAVE YET TO STUDY THIS PAPER IN DETAIL AND WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE OUR RIGHT TO MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS AFTER WE HAVE COMPLETED THIS STUDY."

2. WITH REGARD TO THE UNITED KINGDOM PAPER, THE INDIAN DELEGATE SAID IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE DETAILED STUDY. HOWEVER, THE PROVISION IN PARA 5 (PAGE 4) WAS ACCEPTABLE IF THE CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE RELEVANT WG'S TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSULTATIONS WITHIN INDIVIDUAL WG'S. KIRK

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